Nixon has more tests

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LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Sophisticated tests were under way Monday to discover if blood clots are still forming in former President Richard M. Nixon's phlebitis-tormented left leg — a condition that would require surgery.

In a brief written statement, Dr. John C. Lungren said, "Mr. Nixon's condition is unchanged ... We are in the process of carrying out the specific, new diagnostic tests ..." Lungren told a news conference Sunday at Memorial Hospital Medical Center, "If the tests show that there is active clotting, then the chances of surgical intervention are good."

If tests reveal that the anticoagulant drugs Nixon has been receiving are preventing the formation of new clots, then the former president may be permitted to return to his San Clemente villa by the end of the week, Lungren said.

The doctor fears that new clots in Nixon's leg could travel to his heart or lungs, where they could cause death.